

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 7 and 8 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A driving method of a display apparatus, comprising:

a first drawing step of displaying an image by controlling a display medium on the basis of a signal from first image creation means, and

a second drawing step of overwriting a handwritten image on the displayed image by controlling the display medium on the basis of a signal from second image creation means,

wherein in said first drawing step, an image is ~~rewritten~~ drawn by a reset drive for resetting a previous display state image and a writing drive for writing an image, and in said second drawing step, the writing drive of a substantially minimum or a substantially maximum luminance is performed without effecting the reset drive only in an area in which the handwritten image is written.

Claim 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said method further comprises a third drawing step of erasing the handwritten image by leaving only the image written in said first drawing step, wherein the writing drive is performed without effecting the reset drive.

Claim 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the display apparatus comprises electrodes to which voltages are applied from the first image creation means and the second image creation means, respectively, and the display medium for displaying an image on the basis of the voltages.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the display apparatus comprises a pair of substrates disposed with a predetermined spacing, an insulating liquid disposed at the spacing between the substrate, and electrophoretic particles as the display medium.

7. (Currently Amended) A driving method of a display apparatus which permits handwriting input and has a memory characteristic, said driving method comprising:
a first drawing step of displaying an image which has been memorized in advance, and

a second drawing step of displaying a handwritten image by overwriting the displayed image with the handwritten image,

wherein in said first display drawing step, an image is rewritten drawn by a reset drive for resetting a previous display state image and a writing drive for writing an image, and in said second display drawing step, the writing drive of a minimum or a maximum luminance is performed without effecting the reset drive only in an area in which the handwritten image is written.

8. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus, which permits handwriting input and has a memory characteristic, comprising:

detection means for detecting handwriting input, and

drive means for effecting a first drive in which an image is rewritten by applying a writing voltage after resetting a previous display image when the handwriting input is not detected, and a second drive in which a previous display image is overwritten with a handwriting image by applying only a writing voltage of a minimum or a maximum luminance without effecting resetting when only in an area in which the handwriting input is detected.